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Dear Ulviyya,

As Ranking Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, I write to assure you that advocating on behalf of political prisoners – including your own unjust imprisonment - remains a personal priority. I am committed to using my voice to raise your case whenever possible and advocating for your release.

The international community has seen the note that you wrote on the eve of your unjust detention, which highlighted your commitment to professional ethics and the truth. Your mother has told your story in *The Washington Post*.

While Voice of America has faced a challenging several months, there is bipartisan support for VOA's core mission. I continue to work with my colleagues to advocate for VOA and its brave and remarkable team of journalists.

I am confident that the day will come when I welcome you to the Senate and celebrate your freedom. Until then, please stay strong and remember that your bravery is not unnoticed. I will continue to shine a spotlight on your case and advocate for your release.

Sincerely,
Senator Jeanne Shaheen



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